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" (c) 119,000 tons during 1944–45, 112,000 tons during 1945–46 and 116,000 tons during 1946–47. There were no restrictions on the export of oil before 30th January 1946.

" (d) Export permits were issued for 147,716½ tons between February 1946 and October 1946 and for 26,077 tons during November 1946—March 1947 when the control over movement was lifted.

" (e) The Government do not consider that the public interest the list may serve will be commensurate with the labour and time involved in preparing it. They are therefore unable to place the list suggested.

" (f) Yes. Prices were fixed in G.O. No. 1019, Food, dated 19th November 1946 and were revised in G.O. No. 1, Food, dated 1st January 1947 (copies placed in the library of the Secretariat of the Legislature for reference)."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether among the permits granted, there were permits for the export of deteriorated oil? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir."

Vacant site in Government House.

* 43 Q.—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of the vacant site in the Government House;

(b) whether there is any proposal to build small houses on the vacant land and rent them out to the clerks of the various Government offices;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, in what stage the proposal is;

(d) whether the fish ponds and the fish lake in the premises of the Government House are in working order; and

(e) if so, what is the revenue and the expenditure on this account?

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" (a) Forty acres. This area does not include the yards around the buildings, car parks, roads, ponds and playgrounds. Of this extent, about 20 acres lying mostly around the big oval pond do not contain trees. The remaining 20 acres contain trees such as palmyra, banyan, etc.

" (b) No.

" (c) In view of the answer to clause (b), the question does not arise.

" (d) Yes.

" (e) The scheme for rearing fish in the ponds was initiated in July 1946. The amount so far realized is Rs. 300. The average monthly expenditure is about Rs. 30 being the wages of a watchman."